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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development was adopted by the Preparatory Committee (decision 10) at its organizational session in April 1993.

Item 2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 2 on the modalities for participation in and contribution to the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process of non-governmental organizations. In the annex to that decision the Preparatory Committee set forth detailed criteria and procedures regarding the participation of non-governmental organizations in the Summit and its preparatory process. The Committee decided that in cases where the Summit secretariat believes, on the basis of information provided in accordance with the annex, that an organization has established its competence and relevance to the work of the Preparatory Committee, it will recommend to the Preparatory Committee that the organization be accredited. A number of non-governmental organizations have requested accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process, and the Summit secretariat has evaluated those requests and made recommendations for consideration by the Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the participation of non-governmental organizations in the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process (A/CONF.166/PC/11)

Item 3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

At its organizational session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 4, in which it welcomed the establishment by the Secretary-General of the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development and requested the Secretary-General to bring the Fund to the attention of Member States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as foundations, private enterprises and concerned individuals, and to report to the Committee at its first session on the operation of the Fund. Information on the establishment of the Trust Fund and the dissemination of information on it has been prepared by the Secretariat.

At the same session, the Committee also adopted decision 5 on public information and requested the Secretary-General to develop and launch, on a priority basis, a specific programme of public information of the core issues and objectives of the Summit, in cooperation with relevant specialized agencies, funds and programmes. The General Assembly, in resolution 48/100, paragraph 7, called upon the Secretary-General to report to the Preparatory Committee at its first session on the implementation of the programme of public information for the World Summit for Social Development. Information on the planned public information programme has been prepared by the Secretariat.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/7)

Item 4. Analysis of the core issues to be addressed by the Summit and policy measures to attain its objectives in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92

The Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, adopted decision 7 on the organization of work and decided that the task of the Preparatory Committee was to analyse in depth the core issues to be addressed by the Summit and to agree on policy measures to be submitted for decision by the Summit; it also decided that the Committee would consider a report of the Secretary-General and reports on matters relating to the Summit submitted in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92 by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system. The Secretary-General has prepared an overview of the core issues for consideration by the Preparatory Committee. Contributions received from organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system are also being transmitted for the Committee.

By its decision 3, the Committee emphasized the desirability of promoting national preparations for the World Summit for Social Development and identified possible elements of such preparations, including national reports relating to the core issues. The Secretariat will provide the Preparatory Committee with information on responses to that suggestion.

By its decision 8, the Committee requested the Secretary-General to organize, as part of the preparatory process, expert meetings focused on the core issues of the Summit and accepted with appreciation the offers of the Governments of the Netherlands and Sweden to host and finance one such expert meeting each. The Committee also requested the Secretary-General to forward the results of the expert meetings for consideration at its first substantive session. The two expert meetings were held and their reports are being transmitted to the Preparatory Committee.

The Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1993, adopted resolution 1993/64 on preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, in which it decided that an African common position on the issues before the Summit should be formulated by the meeting of the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Human Development, to be held in January 1994, and requested the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to prepare, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity and other African regional and subregional organizations, the necessary documentation for the meeting, including a draft African common position on the issues before the Summit, and to transmit it to the Preparatory Committee at its first session. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa has submitted a report in response to the request of the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General containing an overview of the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/6)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert meeting on social integration (A/CONF.166/PC/8)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the expert meeting on the expansion of productive employment (A/CONF.166/PC/9)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the African common position on the issues before the Summit (A/CONF.166/PC/10)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting contributions of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/12 and addenda)

Item 5. Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Summit

The Secretariat has prepared the draft provisional rules of procedure of the World Summit for Social Development for consideration at the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee and subsequent recommendation to the Summit for adoption.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional rules of procedure for the Summit

Item 6. Arrangements and provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee, at its organizational session, adopted decision 7 on its organization of work and included an indicative timetable and process of work for the sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

The Committee also adopted decision 9 on dates for the Summit and decided, inter alia, that the second session of the Preparatory Committee would be convened from 22 August to 2 September 1994 in New York.

The Secretariat has prepared a draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee for its consideration.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing the draft provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

It is envisaged that the Preparatory Committee will, during its first session, prepare and adopt a report which will be submitted to the second session of the Preparatory Committee and to the General Assembly.